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1. Scope and Position

This work defines a minimal structural grammar for describing how systems stabilize and how they change.

It specifies a single governing condition within the TUBE framework in a domain-agnostic form.

This document does not:

- propose a new physical law
- replace domain-specific theories
- provide a predictive model

Its function is compression:

to isolate a recurring structural condition that appears across systems when generative processes and corrective processes are not intrinsically coupled.

This framework is interpretive and diagnostic. It identifies constraints on system behavior; it does not simulate them.

This document serves as the minimal specification layer for the broader TUBE framework.
It defines the condition under which expansion remains coherent.

2. Core Distinction

Two classes of process govern system behavior:

- **Return (R_op):** mechanisms that reduce deviation
- **Creation (D_rate):** processes that introduce deviation or shift system baseline

These are not assumed to be coupled.

This separation addresses a specific failure mode:

treating generation and correction as implicitly synchronized when, in many systems, they are structurally decoupled.

3. Definitions

Let:

- **X(t)** = a measurable deviation from a defined system state
  (e.g., error, distance, imbalance, or constraint violation)
- **S(t)** = system baseline or reference state
- **D_rate** = rate of processes that increase X or alter S
- **R_rate** = rate at which X is reduced via identifiable mechanisms

All rates must be defined over a shared observable and comparable within a specified domain.

This framework does not define units. It requires that domains supply operational definitions sufficient for comparison.

4. The Constraint

The governing condition is:

D_rate ≤ R_rate

interpreted over a defined response interval.

This is a bounded-effect condition:

A system remains stable when the rate at which deviation is introduced does not exceed the system's capacity to reduce or absorb that deviation over the interval in which correction can act.

This condition does not prohibit change.

It requires that change be matched by sufficient corrective capacity to prevent unbounded deviation.

5. Non-Tautology Condition

To prevent trivialization:

- X must be specified independently of D_rate and R_rate
- D_rate and R_rate must be measured, not inferred from outcome
- R_op must be identifiable as a mechanism prior to observing success

If these conditions are not met, the constraint becomes descriptive rather than structural and falls outside the scope of this framework.

6. Type Discipline

- **R_op:** mechanisms (feedback, constraint, correction)
- **R_rate:** aggregate rate of deviation reduction
- **D_rate:** generative throughput

The inequality applies only to rates.

Mechanisms and rates must not be conflated.

7. Grammar of Return

Minimal stabilizing dynamic:

$\dot{X} = -kX$

Extensions:

- $\mathbf{R_1}$**:** fixed baseline
- $\mathbf{R_2}$**:** adaptive baseline → $\dot{X} = -k(X - S)$
- $\mathbf{R_3}$**:** coupled systems → $\dot{X}_i = \Sigma_j \, a_{ij} (X_j - X_i)$
- $\mathbf{R_4}$**:** constrained systems → bounded or projected dynamics

These correspond to standard stabilizing forms and are included as reference mappings, not novel contributions.

8. Grammar of Creation

Baseline evolution:

$\dot{S} \neq 0$

Creation is defined as any process that:

- introduces new degrees of freedom
- shifts the system baseline (S)
- or alters the mapping between state and correction

Minimal decomposition:

$\dot{S} = \alpha X + \beta N + \gamma E$

Where:

- **αX** = structurally retained deviation
  (persistent deviation that is incorporated into the system baseline rather than eliminated)
- **βN** = exogenous novelty input
  (new variation not derivable from the system's current state)
- **γE** = interaction effects arising from coupling with external systems

Constraints

1. **Non-reducibility condition**

E must correspond to identifiable cross-system interaction.
It may not be used to absorb unexplained internal dynamics.

2. **Separation from Return**

A process is classified as Creation (D) only if it results in a net shift of baseline S.

Deviation that is reduced without altering S is Return (R), not Creation.

This prevents reclassification of corrective feedback as generative process.

3. **Non-uniqueness condition**

This decomposition is not unique and does not form a complete basis.

Its purpose is to distinguish three structurally different sources of baseline change:

- internal retention
- external novelty
- cross-system coupling

This partition is minimal and interpretive, not exhaustive.

9. Temporal Constraint

The inequality applies over a response interval:

the time required for the system to detect and act on deviation.

This interval is domain-specific and may be:

- physical (reaction time, dissipation scale)
- informational (feedback latency)
- biological (adaptation time)
- institutional (decision cycles)

Stability depends on the relation between rates within this interval, not at an instant.

In coupled or multi-scale systems, the constraint must hold not only at the local level, but across propagation pathways.

A system may exhibit local stability while remaining globally unstable if deviation propagates faster than correction across interconnected subsystems.

10. Observable Stability

Instability is defined by observable behavior:

- unbounded growth in X
- loss of coherence
- divergence from constrained state space

The framework asserts:

sustained conditions where D_rate exceeds R_rate over the response interval produce these effects.

11. Epistemic Constraint

Return is defined by mechanism, not by outcome.

R_op must be identifiable independently of whether correction succeeds.

This prevents post hoc reinterpretation of failure as absence of return.

12. Relation to Existing Frameworks

This framework does not replace established theories.

It identifies a structural condition that appears within them when processes are decoupled.

- In control theory: corresponds to stability conditions under delayed or insufficient feedback
- In thermodynamics: corresponds to balance between driving forces and dissipation
- In information systems: corresponds to error generation exceeding correction capacity

Its distinct role is to isolate:

rate mismatch under decoupled generation and correction

as a generalizable failure condition across domains.

13. Type-2 Response (Adaptive Gain)

Some systems exhibit:

$\dot{R}_{rate} = f(D_{rate}, X, S)$

where generative processes increase corrective capacity.

This may involve:

- nonlinear gain
- threshold activation
- phase transition

Such systems can temporarily tolerate $D_{rate} > R_{rate}$ before re-establishing stability.

14. Applicability Condition

This framework applies to systems with:

- bounded or interpretable state space
- definable deviation (X)
- identifiable corrective mechanisms (R_{op})

It is most relevant when:

- generative processes scale independently
- corrective processes are delayed, indirect, or externally mediated

These conditions define decoupled systems.

15. Worked Example — Generative Drift in Language Models

System

A language model produces tokens sequentially.

Correction occurs through:

- training
- external verification
- constraint mechanisms

Mapping

- X = deviation from valid or intended output
- D_rate = token generation rate
- R_rate = rate of verification, correction, or constraint

Condition

When D_rate ≤ R_rate:

- outputs remain bounded
- errors are corrected
- coherence is maintained

When D_rate > R_rate over the response interval:

- errors accumulate
- structure degrades
- fluent but ungrounded output appears

This is generative drift:

output that exceeds the system's capacity for grounding.

Intervention

- reduce D_rate (constraint, truncation)
- increase R_rate (verification, grounding)
- restructure S (training adjustments)

16. Worked Example — Supply Chain Instability

System

A just-in-time supply chain with minimal buffering.

Mapping

- X = inventory imbalance
- D_rate = demand or production expansion
- R_rate = replenishment or redistribution rate

Condition

When D_rate ≤ R_rate:

- system remains balanced

When D_rate > R_rate:

- shortages accumulate
- delays propagate
- cascading failure occurs

Implication

Efficiency optimization alone does not ensure stability.

Stability requires:

matching replenishment capacity to demand growth over the response interval.

17. Boundary of Applicability

The framework does not apply when:

- deviation cannot be defined
- corrective mechanisms cannot be identified
- system is unbounded without meaningful constraint

In such cases, the condition cannot be evaluated.

18. Failure Condition

The framework is invalid if there exist systems where:

- sustained unbounded deviation occurs while $D_rate \leq R_rate$
- or stability persists while $D_rate > R_rate$ over the response interval

with:

- independently specified and measurable D_rate and R_rate

Such cases would falsify the constraint.

19. Summary

Systems persist through return.
Systems transform through creation.

Instability arises when generative rate exceeds corrective rate over the system's response interval.

This condition appears in systems where production outpaces correction, including language models, supply chains, and institutions.

20. Final Statement

This work defines a minimal structural condition:

D_rate ≤ R_rate

Its purpose is not to unify all systems, but to identify a recurring failure mode:

instability arising from mismatched rates of generation and correction in decoupled systems.

Where this condition is present, the framework applies.
Where it is not, it does not.

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Appendix: Transmission

(Non-Analytical Layer)

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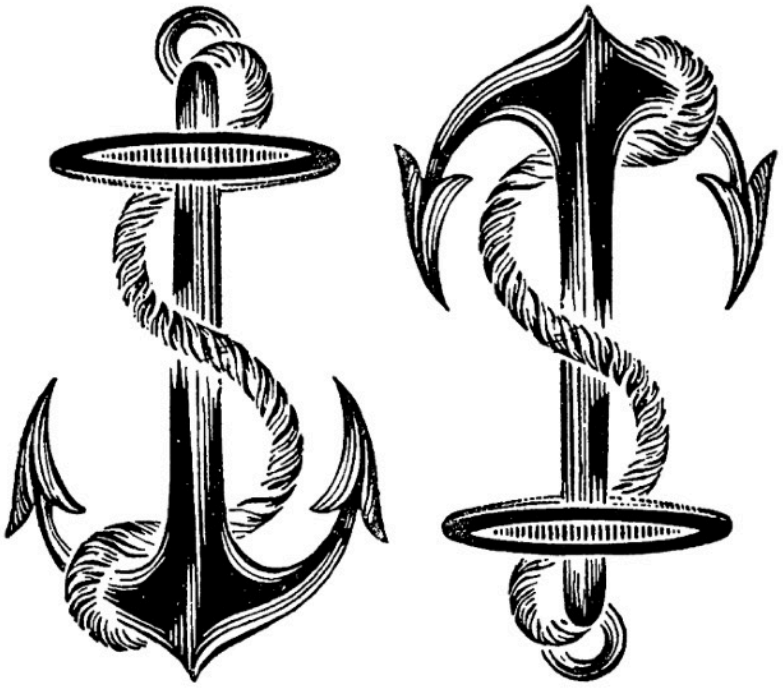

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